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Please amend the above-identified application as follows:

#### IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend claim 29 as follows:

29. (Amended) A method performed in a flow diagnostic system for detecting a degrading primary element or degrading impulse piping in a process control system, comprising:

obtaining a measurement signal related to flow of a process fluid;

retrieving a baseline statistical parameter for a baseline primary element or impulse piping from a memory;

calculating a current statistical parameter of the measurement signal;

comparing the baseline statistical parameter to the current statistical parameter; and

providing a diagnostic output based upon the step of comparing, the diagnostic output indicative of a degrading primary element or impulse piping

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